

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restriction***

1. Applicant's election in the reply filed on 07/23/2009 is acknowledged. However in the amendment filed on 04/08/2009 the applicant has amended the claims and altered their dependency to similar to that of the originally filed claims which were restricted.
2. The amended claims 1-26 (filed on 04/08/2009) are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:
  - a. Group I, claims 1-10 and 24, are directed to an object of value with a security element (and classified in class 356 and subclass 71).
  - b. Group II, claims 11-17 and 25-26, are directed to a security element (and classified in class 349 and subclass 194).
  - c. Group III, claims 18-19, are directed to a transfer material (and classified in class 359 and subclass 487).
  - d. Group IV, claims 20-21, are directed to a method for producing an object of value (and classified in class 349 and subclass 187).
  - e. Group V, claims 22-23, are directed to method for testing an object of value by checking polarized light (and classified in class 356 and subclass 364).
3. The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:
  - i. Groups I and II are distinct inventions because Group I is directed to an object of value, while Group II is directed to the structure of a security element.

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- ii. Groups II and III are distinct inventions because Group II is directed to the structure of a security element, while Group III is directed to the structure of a transfer element.
  - iii. Groups III and IV are distinct inventions because Group III is directed to the structure of a transfer element, while Group IV is directed to a method for producing an object of value or security element.
  - iv. Groups IV and V are distinct inventions because Group IV is directed to a method for producing an object of value or security element, while Group V is directed to a method for testing an object of value.
  - v. Groups I and V are distinct inventions because Group I is directed to making an object of value secure, while Group V is directed to a method for testing an object of value.
  - vi. Similarly Group I and Group III, Group I and Group IV, Group II and Group IV, Group II and Group V, and Group III and Group V are distinct inventions.
4. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. The applicant is given 30 days or 1 month, whichever is longer, to comply with the restriction requirements.

***Contact/Status Information***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Roy M. Punnoose** whose telephone number is **(571)272-2427**. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Tarifur R. Chowdhury** can be reached on **571-272-2287**. The **Fax** number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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